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AMENDMENT

Sir:

Remarks

In response to the Office Action of July 12, 2005, please amend the application as set forth in the attached pages three through six.

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the careful and thorough Office Action and apologizes for not properly indicating the elected claims.

Claim 1 has been amended as required.

It is believed the rejection of Claim 8 as indefinite should be withdrawn because claim 8 limits the pivoting of the "tubular hitch member with said ball mount member positioned therein" while claim 1 requires only the tubular hitch member itself to be pivotable through one hundred eighty degrees. As may be seen in Figure 2 the ball mount member when inserted in the tubular hitch member will hit the storage index 66 upon rotation. While the scale of Figure 2 indicates the hitch member would also hit index 66 as may be seen in Figure 1, at least in some configurations, the tubular hitch member by itself would not hit index 66.

The rejection of claim 9 as amended is respectfully traversed. Claim 9 requires that the forward end of the ball mount member have "towing and stowage index means" thereon and holes in the hitch and ball mount members such that when in alignment the assembly will be in towing or storing position. The Griffith "groove 18" has nothing to do with the indexing of the